



## National Service in Minnesota



### MEETING COMMUNITY NEEDS IN MINNESOTA

More than 14,000 people of all ages and backgrounds are helping to meet local needs, strengthen communities, and increase civic engagement through national service in Minnesota. Serving at more than 3,000 locations throughout the state, these citizens tutor and mentor children, support veterans and military families, provide health services, restore the environment, respond to disasters, increase economic opportunity, and recruit and manage volunteers.

This year, the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) will commit more than \$52,110,000 to support Minnesota communities through national service and social innovation initiatives. CNCS invests in cost-effective community solutions--working hand in hand with local partners to improve lives, expand economic opportunity, and engage citizens in solving problems in their communities. Serving in many of the state's most impoverished communities, CNCS provides vital support to schools, food banks, homeless shelters, community health clinics, youth centers, veterans service facilities, and other nonprofit and faith-based organizations at a time of growing demand for services. Through a unique public-private partnership, this federal investment will leverage an additional \$34,620,000 in other resources to strengthen community impact, build local support, and increase return on taxpayer dollars. Nationwide, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources in FY 2015.

**AmeriCorps:** This year AmeriCorps will provide more than 2,900 individuals the opportunity to provide intensive, results-driven service to meet education, environmental, health, economic, and other pressing needs in communities across Minnesota. Most AmeriCorps grant funding goes to the ServeMinnesota, which in turn awards grants to nonprofit groups to respond to local needs. Most of the remainder of the grant funding is distributed by CNCS directly to multi-state and national organizations through a competitive grants process. Other individuals serve through AmeriCorps VISTA, whose members help bring individuals and communities out of poverty by serving full-time to fight hunger and illiteracy, improve health services, and increase housing opportunities, and AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps), a 10-month, full time residential program for men and women between the ages of 18 and 24. In exchange for their service, AmeriCorps members earn an education award that can be used to pay for college or to pay back qualified student loans. Since 1994, more than 29,000 Minnesota residents have served more than 46 million hours and have qualified for Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards totaling more than \$114,130,000.

**Senior Corps:** More than 11,000 seniors in Minnesota contribute their time and talents in one of three Senior Corps programs. Foster Grandparents serve one-on-one as tutors and mentors to more than 3,300 young people who have special needs. Senior Companions help more than 1,300 homebound seniors and other adults maintain independence in their own homes. RSVP volunteers conduct safety patrols, renovate homes, protect the environment, tutor and mentor youth, respond to natural disasters, and provide other services through more than 1,400 groups across Minnesota.

**Social Innovation Fund:** The Social Innovation Fund transforms lives and communities using limited federal investment as a catalyst to grow the impact of nonprofits with evidence of strong results. It harnesses the expertise of grantmaking intermediaries to identify, evaluate and expand effective nonprofits and engages funding partners to contribute nearly three dollars to every one federal dollar invested. As the Social Innovation Fund network grows programs that work in Minnesota, more people are able to overcome their most pressing challenges in the areas of economic opportunity, health, and youth development. The Social Innovation Fund is investing more than \$4,230,000 in expanding the impact of 21 nonprofits in Minnesota, selected and supported by 2 intermediaries.

The Corporation for National and Community Service is a federal agency that improves lives, strengthens communities, and fosters civic engagement through service and volunteering. CNCS engages millions of Americans in service to meet local needs through Senior Corps, AmeriCorps, and national days of service; improves communities through the Social Innovation Fund, and leads volunteer initiatives across the nation. To learn more visit [NationalService.gov](http://NationalService.gov) or [Serve.gov](http://Serve.gov) or call 202-606-5000 or TTY 1-800-833-3722.

# Minnesota At a Glance



<b>AmeriCorps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants <sup>1</sup>	Education Scholarships <sup>2</sup>	Program Funding
AmeriCorps National	24	117	644	\$4,613,038	\$2,343,324 <sup>3</sup>
AmeriCorps State Competitive	16	841	1,963	\$9,743,356	\$20,093,814
AmeriCorps State Formula	6	124	227	\$1,040,885	\$2,016,498
AmeriCorps Tribes/Territories	1	1	13	\$75,595	\$173,524
AmeriCorps VISTA	14	157	135	\$779,865	\$2,083,185
<b>AMERICORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>1,240</b>	<b>2,982</b>	<b>\$16,252,738</b>	<b>\$26,710,345</b>
<b>Senior Corps</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Foster Grandparent Program	3	326	564	-	\$1,869,484
RSVP	13	1,474	10,899	-	\$1,530,178
Senior Companion Program	1	58	232	-	\$809,186
Senior Demonstration Program	4	129	-	-	-
<b>SENIOR CORPS TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,987</b>	<b>11,695</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4,208,848</b>
<b>Social Innovation Fund</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Intermediary Grantmakers	2	-	-	-	\$2,000,000
Nonprofit Subgrantees	21	-	-	-	\$2,234,140
<b>SOCIAL INNOVATION FUND TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$4,234,140</b>
<b>Other Funding</b>	Projects	Service Locations	Participants	Education Scholarships	Program Funding
Martin Luther King Day	1	-	-	-	\$156,234
State Commission Operations Support	1	-	-	-	\$310,185
Volunteer Generation Fund	1	-	-	-	\$237,685
<b>OTHER FUNDING TOTAL (Current Projects Only)</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$704,104</b>
<b>PROGRAM TOTALS</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>3,227 <sup>4</sup></b>	<b>14,677</b>	<b>\$16,252,738</b>	<b>\$35,857,437</b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING (Including Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards)</b>					<b>\$52,110,175</b>
<b>TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT (Non-CNCS Resources)</b>					<b>\$34,629,748 <sup>5</sup></b>
<b>TOTAL CNCS FUNDING + TOTAL LOCAL PROGRAM SUPPORT</b>					<b>\$86,739,924</b>

Notes: The data shown represents a snapshot in time. CNCS project sites, participants, and funding change throughout the year, so the data may not reflect current conditions.

- <sup>1</sup> This figure represents the number of awarded positions available to be filled in the 2016 - 2017 program year. For AmeriCorps VISTA, this represents the actual number of VISTA members in active service.
- <sup>2</sup> This figure represents the maximum potential value of Segal AmeriCorps Education Awards that can be earned by AmeriCorps members serving in Minnesota. The award can be used in any state to pay for college, graduate school, vocational training, or to pay back student loans. The education award total is included in total CNCS funding.
- <sup>3</sup> AmeriCorps National figures may include national programs headquartered in the state and/or operating sites of national programs that are headquartered in other states. Funding reflects the estimated proportionate share of the national grant associated with operating sites in this report. Some national organizations do not report operating site data, or it was not available at time of publishing, so figures may not reflect current conditions.
- <sup>4</sup> The service location total may contain multiple counts of unique locations where multiple CNCS programs are operating.
- <sup>5</sup> As part of its public-private partnership approach, CNCS requires grantees to leverage additional resources to strengthen community impact and increase the return on the federal investment. This figure reflects non-CNCS cash and in-kind resources that CNCS grantees and project sponsors have committed to raise or other revenue used to support their programming activities across the state. Last year, CNCS, its grantees, and project sponsors generated more than \$1.25 billion in outside resources from businesses, foundations, public agencies, and other sources.

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## State Commission

ServeMinnesota is a catalyst for positive social impact, working with AmeriCorps members and community partners to address critical needs facing the state. Also known as the Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service, ServeMinnesota is responsible for administering federal AmeriCorps funds to programs throughout Minnesota. As a nonprofit organization, it improves the lives of Minnesotans by offering life-changing service opportunities to thousands of individuals who focus on education, affordable housing, employment, or the environment. Its mission to use the lever of AmeriCorps national service to achieve measurable results through innovation, strategic investments, and alignment with community needs. Currently, there is at least one AmeriCorps member serving in 77 of the 87 Minnesota counties. By combining the people power of AmeriCorps with research-based strategies, ServeMinnesota is addressing the most intractable problems and shares its proven practices nationally. More than 2,000 AmeriCorps members are serving in 13 programs at more than 1,200 sites statewide. Last year, AmeriCorps members mobilized 21,835 volunteers.

## AmeriCorps State

Minnesota Reading Corps is an early literacy program designed to help children become proficient readers. AmeriCorps members provide research-based literacy tutoring to students beginning at three years-old through third grade. The program operates in more than 800 sites statewide with more than 1,200 AmeriCorps members serving 30,000 students. In 2013, a study conducted by the National Opinion Research Center at the University of Chicago confirmed that Reading Corps students, including students with high risk factors, outperform their peers. In addition, it was concluded that the program is effective in any setting – urban, suburban, and rural - and that Reading Corps coaching and training ensures that AmeriCorps members are successful regardless of their educational background. Furthermore, the research center found that the program keeps educationally at-risk children on track in general education. Students who did not receive tutoring were three times more likely to need special education than program participants were. These results for the entire state would result in a savings of \$9 million in special education services.

Minnesota Alliance with Youth-Promise Fellows provide much needed support for students in grade 6-10 who are on a trajectory to drop out of school. Promise Fellows help young people overcome challenges with attendance, behavior, and core academics to get on track for on-time graduation. In more than 120 sites statewide, 210 AmeriCorps members help 6,300 students remain engaged in school. Nearly 1 in 5 high school students (18 percent) drop out before graduation, and the dropout rates for students of color and low income students are dramatically higher, resulting in some of the worst achievement gaps in the nation. Students without a high school diploma are likely to experience lifelong negative consequences including unemployment and poverty. Entire communities benefit from the economic return of each high school graduate through increased earnings, spending, and taxes paid. Using a Multi-Tiered System of Supports approach, Promise Fellows ensure youth at risk of dropping out receive a variety of interventions utilizing caring adults, academic support, service-learning, and civic engagement, delivered in both school and out-of-school settings.

## AmeriCorps National

College Possible Twin Cities, which serves 10,500 high school and college students, is closing Minnesota's degree divide and building a competitive workforce for the future. By 2020, 74 percent of jobs in the state will require a post-secondary education, but only 8 percent of low-income students nationally earn a college degree by age 24. College Possible Twin Cities' AmeriCorps coaches guide low-income students through all aspects of preparing for, applying to, and enrolling in college and support students all the way through college graduation. Students who are guided by College Possible AmeriCorps members have a 98 percent college admission rate and are 10 times more likely to graduate from college than their low-income peers. A 2013 Harvard randomized controlled trial found that students in College Possible's AmeriCorps-based program model had a significant positive increase in four-year college enrollment. By harnessing the power of national service, College Possible creates better futures for all Minnesotans.

Through Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa, which is headquartered in Saint Paul, 231 AmeriCorps members restored habitats, built trails, and responded to disasters in 2015. AmeriCorps field members serve in crews of four to six throughout the state, including in Grand Rapids, Moose Lake, Ely, Bemidji, Brainerd, Saint Paul, and Mankato. Field crews travel throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wisconsin to fulfill service projects with federal, state, local, and nonprofit partners. Thanks to the support of the AmeriCorps members, the project partners build their capacity to restore natural habitat on public lands, improve water quality, respond to disasters nationwide, and increase access to outdoor recreation in the Upper Midwest. In 2015, AmeriCorps members removed 12,427 acres of invasive species; planted 150,983 trees; cleared 159 miles of river; and built or improved 362 miles of ATV, snowmobile, hiking, biking and horse trails.

# National Service Impact in Minnesota

## AmeriCorps VISTA

The Minnesota Literacy Council's AmeriCorps VISTA Project creates and expands literacy-focused programs to help bring low-income students in grades K-12, and their families, out of poverty. In the last year, 35 AmeriCorps VISTA members served at 31 schools, nonprofit organizations, and local government agencies across the state. The members fostered hundreds of community partnerships and created sustainable systems and materials, including lesson plans, databases, tracking systems, assessments, volunteer handbooks, online resources, and outreach tools. The members also supported 2,268 community volunteers who served 72,644 hours; strengthened literacy services for 17,102 youth and 2,601 adults; and raised more than \$203,000. These efforts produced literacy gains for 52 percent of adult learners (686 out of 1320 assessed), 95 percent of pre-school-aged children (122 out of 129 assessed), and 80 percent of K-12 students who participated in out-of-school-time programs or tutoring (337 out of 422 assessed). In addition, every one of the 43 high school seniors who received services applied for and was accepted into a post-secondary program.

AmeriCorps VISTA member Nina Nguyen, who served at YWCA Mankato in 2014 and 2015, supported the Ready to Learn program, which serves immigrant and refugee families with young children. Ms. Nguyen's service developing the program, conducting community outreach, and strengthening volunteer engagement helped establish the program as a community staple. In 2014-15, 100 children from birth through kindergarten age participated in Ready to Learn. Of the children who had both pre- and post-assessments, 91 percent increased pre-literacy skills and 92 percent increased school readiness. Site supervisor Kelli Damlo writes, "Today the YWCA Mankato is serving far more families and connecting triple the volunteers to a higher quality program because of the two VISTA members who dedicated a year of their life. The efforts that both VISTAs put into the program in setting up processes and procedures, helping to find curriculum, tools to assist volunteers, creating a better case management system have all built the program to where it is at today."

## AmeriCorps NCCC

AmeriCorps NCCC members worked with St. John's Abbey Arboretum in Collegeville and The Nature Conservancy to remove invasive species and build a deer-proof fence to protect the ecologically-special oak forest of the Abbey Arboretum. NCCC members split and stacked, renovated a challenge course, and helped the Arboretum staff build 2,000 feet of nine-foot tall deer fence. Members also helped The Nature Conservancy preserve 349.5 acres of dunes, monitor 12,812 square feet of native plants, and combat the spread of cow vetch, Canada thistle, sumac, purple loosestrife, and toadflax — all invasive species. Due to the team's work, the Conservancy and the Abbey greatly improved their efforts to maintain, preserve, and improve the surrounding environment.

An AmeriCorps NCCC team served with the Headwaters Science Center to support STEM education in northern Minnesota. The Science Center offers exceptional learning experiences to stimulate curiosity in science, math, and technology. The NCCC team cleaned cages at the Science Center, fed animals, helped care for a dozen reptiles and amphibians, and painted a mural. The team taught 4,003 children and adults about the animals and exhibits at the center. The team also worked with the Bemidji Community Food Shelf to prepare a garden so the Food Shelf could provide fresh fruits and vegetables to hungry families in the local community. The Food Shelf provides food to people with a short-term, emergency need. While the members served at the Food Shelf, they planted and tended 53 trees, planted vegetables on 1.5 acres of farmland, and repackaged 6,271 pounds of bulk food into smaller portions so it could reach more people community. The team started ten raised garden beds and installed 15,000 feet of an irrigation system.

## Senior Corps Foster Grandparent Program

This past school year, more than 200 Foster Grandparents with Catholic Charities of St. Cloud served 8,000 children across central Minnesota. Ten Foster Grandparents served the community of Mora, giving 7,585 hours of one-on-one and small group help to 56 students with high needs. Foster Grandparent volunteers provide their students a year of focused support in literacy and/or math. As a result, every one of those students showed academic gains. One teacher shared on a performance evaluation, "Our test scores show great improvement with the students Grandma works with. We love our Foster Grandparents!"

## Senior Corps RSVP

RSVP of the Red River Valley, sponsored by the University of Minnesota Crookston, currently runs 32 volunteer-led Bone Builder classes for seniors across the region. In a one-year span, 124 RSVP volunteers supported classes for 463 senior participants who wanted to prevent or reverse osteoporosis through this exercise program. The Bone Builders classes are promoted by local agencies and recommended by local physicians because of the benefits to those recovering from surgery and the overall health benefits to participants. Participant surveys indicated that 95 percent of those who had a recent bone density scan showed slight or significant improvement or had no bone loss changes. The survey also reported that 95 percent of participants showed improvement in balance and strength. Several RSVP volunteers attended training on tai chi and have piloted tai chi classes in two new communities, giving seniors more local opportunities to maintain and improve their health.

## Senior Corps Senior Companion Program

Last year, Senior Companion volunteers serving with Lutheran Social service of Minnesota served 1,831 senior and homebound people, giving 250,659 hours of service to help them continue to live independently. Client surveys show that 93 percent of clients reported increased social ties and social support as a result of the Senior Companion program. More than 90 percent of the people who were served said that because of their Senior Companion, they could get to medical appointments and go grocery shopping, were eating regularly scheduled meals, and were able to remain living in their own homes and apartments.

## Social Innovation Fund

The Social Innovation Fund (SIF) is investing to expand the impact of 12 nonprofits in Minnesota that are improving economic opportunities for adults and outcomes for youth who live in low-income communities. College Possible's Summer Bridge program served nearly 500 additional students in the state, while ServeMinnesota served an additional 750 students this past year through the Minnesota Reading Corps program. SIF transforms lives by using evidence to find what works and make it work for more people. SIF Classic and SIF Pay for Success programs harness the expertise of grant-making intermediaries to identify, evaluate, and expand effective nonprofits serving low-income communities.

## Volunteer Generation Fund

ServeMinnesota, in partnership with Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration, HandsOn Twin Cities and volunteer centers across the state, is expanding the Service Enterprise Initiative (SEI) across Minnesota and preparing a pipeline of organizations for SEI training. This organizational training certification expands volunteerism and the use of skill-based volunteers who increase organization's effectiveness to address chronic community problems. The partners strengthen the capacity of the state's volunteer connector organizations to create and connect volunteers with high quality assignments, increase the number of skill-based volunteers generated and retained. Each year, 30 organizations will be SEI-trained and working toward certification; 150 nonprofits will be trained in best practices to improve their management capacity and effectiveness, thus creating an SEI pipeline; and organizations statewide will increase their capacity to recruit, connect, and retain at least 34,950 volunteers who will contribute 244,650 hours of service or more each year. The value of these volunteer hours to Minnesota, to be performed by 104,000 volunteers over three years, approaches \$18 million.



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2,982

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Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Annandale	True Friends - Camp Friendship (July 15 - September 1, 2016) True Friends	7	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Annandale	True Friends (May 28 - June 30, 2016) True Friends	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bemidji	Bemidji Community Food Shelf (September 13 - November 2, 2016) Bemidji Community Food Shelf	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bemidji	Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area (July 15 - September 1, 2016) Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area	9	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bemidji	Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area (May 2 - June 30, 2016) Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bemidji	Boys and Girls Club of the Bemidji Area (May 2 - June 30, 2016) Boys & Girls Club of the Bemidji Area	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Bemidji	Headwaters Science Center (May 2 - June 30, 2016) Headwaters Science Center	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Cushing	The Nature Conservancy in Minnesota (September 13 - November 2, 2016) The Nature Conservancy of Minnesota (Minneapolis)	8	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Duluth	AmeriCorps True North (Current) Duluth Area Family YMCA	35	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Duluth	Duluth Area Family YMCA (Current) Duluth Area Family YMCA	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Duluth	Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	24	AmeriCorps National
Duluth	True North School Turnaround (Completed) Duluth Area Family YMCA	15	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Eden Prairie	True Friends - Camp Courage (July 15 - September 1, 2016) True Friends	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Eden Prairie	True Friends - Camp Friendship (July 15 - September 1, 2016) True Friends	-	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Edina	EC Minneapolis St. Paul (Current) AARP Foundation	64	AmeriCorps National
Fergus Falls	SCA Minnesota (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	16	AmeriCorps National
Fergus Falls	SCA MN (Current) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Little Falls	Initiative Foundation (Current) Initiative Foundation	8	AmeriCorps VISTA
Maple Lake	True Friends - Camp Courage (July 15 - September 1, 2016) True Friends	6	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Maplewood	Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration (Current) Minnesota Association for Volunteer Administration	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Bright Beginnings (Current) Reading & Math Inc	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	City of Lakes - AmeriCorps (Current) Minneapolis Public Schools	38	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	City of Minneapolis Promise Zone (Current) City of Minneapolis	9	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Emerge Community Development II (Current) Emerge Community Development	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Lutheran Social Services of MN (Minneapolis) (Current) Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service	1	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid (Completed) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National

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Minneapolis	Minnesota Campus Compact College Health Corps VISTA Program (Current) Minnesota Campus Compact	12	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Minnesota Council of Churches (Current) Church World Service	1	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Minnesota Math Corps (Current) Reading & Math Inc	215	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Minnesota Opportunity Corps (Current) Reading & Math Inc	30	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps - Formula (Completed) Reading & Math Inc	135	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps - Greater MN (Current) Reading & Math Inc	410	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps - Metro (Current) Reading & Math Inc	747	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps - Professional Corps (Completed) Reading & Math Inc	134	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps Professional Corps (Current) Reading & Math Inc	122	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	Minnesota Reading Corps-Formula (Current) Reading & Math Inc	105	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	North Star Community Rowing (Current) Up2Us, Inc.	1	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	One Heartland (May 2 - June 30, 2016) One Heartland	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Minneapolis	Phillips Family Foundation - Sectoral Employment Initiative (Completed) The Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Promise Neighborhood Program (Current) Reading & Math Inc	33	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Minneapolis	Public Allies Twin Cities (Current) Public Allies, Inc.	27	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	Reading & Math Inc (Current) Reading & Math Inc	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	Rebuilding Together Twin Cities (Current) Rebuilding Together, Inc	2	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	STEM Corps (Current) Reading & Math Inc	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Minneapolis	Teach For America - Twin Cities (Current) Teach For America	46	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	The Advocates for Human Rights (Current) Equal Justice Works	-	AmeriCorps National
Minneapolis	The Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota (Current) The Jay and Rose Phillips Family Foundation of Minnesota	11	AmeriCorps VISTA
Minneapolis	Twin Cities (Completed) New Sector Alliance, Inc.	21	AmeriCorps National
Minnetonka	Intercongregation Communities Assoc - Alliance Food Shelves (Current) Intercongregation Communities Association	1	AmeriCorps VISTA
Moorhead	LSSMN (Current) University of Maryland	50	AmeriCorps National
Owatonna	AmeriCorps LEAP Initiative (Current) Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Owatonna	Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation (Current) Southern Minnesota Initiative Foundation	3	AmeriCorps VISTA

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Redlake	Service to New Scholars (Current) Red Lake Tribal Council	13	AmeriCorps Indian Tribes
Saint Paul	2015 ND TC Sites (Current) Reading Partners	14	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Admission Possible Fixed Amount (Completed) College Possible	15	AmeriCorps State Formula
Saint Paul	City of Saint Paul VISTA Program (Current) City of St. Paul	19	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	College Possible Philadelphia AmeriCorps (Completed) College Possible	12	AmeriCorps State Formula
Saint Paul	College Possible - College Preparation Program (Completed) College Possible	6	AmeriCorps State Formula
Saint Paul	College Possible - College Success Program (Current) College Possible	75	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	College Possible (Completed) College Possible	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	College Possible II (Current) College Possible	11	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	College Possible National (Current) College Possible	-	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	College Possible National Virtual Advising (Current) College Possible	20	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	College Possible Twin Cities (Current) College Possible	31	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Community Technology Empowerment Project (Current) Saint Paul Neighborhood Network	35	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Conservation Corps Minnesota (Completed) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	53	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Conservation Corps Minnesota & Iowa (Current) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	-	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa (Current) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	-	AmeriCorps State Formula
Saint Paul	Conservation Corps MN (Current) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	63	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Homegrown Lacrosse (Current) Up2Us, Inc.	2	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	International Institute of Minnesota (Current) U.S. Committee for Refugees and Immigrants	1	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	MCN VISTA Program (Current) Minnesota Council of Nonprofits	15	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	Minnesota (Current) Conservation Corps Minnesota and Iowa	33	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Minnesota Alliance With Youth VISTA (Current) Minnesota Alliance With Youth	7	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	Minnesota Conservation Corps (Current) The Corps Network	166	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Minnesota Council of Nonprofits (Completed) Minnesota Council of Nonprofits	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	Minnesota GreenCorps (Current) Minnesota Pollution Control Agency	40	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Minnesota Literacy Council (Current) Minnesota Literacy Council	22	AmeriCorps VISTA



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Saint Paul	MN Habitat for Humanity AmeriCorps Program (Current) Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity, Inc.	27	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Northern Promise Fellows (Current) Minnesota Alliance With Youth	75	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Notre Dame AmeriCorps - SJWP (Current) Notre Dame Mission Volunteers Program, Inc.	18	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Playworks Twin Cities (Current) Playworks Education Energized	14	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation II (Completed) Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation	-	AmeriCorps VISTA
Saint Paul	SCA AmeriCorps National Direct Minnesota (Completed) Student Conservation Association, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
Saint Paul	School Turnaround Promise Fellows (Current) Minnesota Alliance With Youth	20	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	Statewide Minnesota (Current) Minnesota Alliance With Youth	100	AmeriCorps State Competitive
Saint Paul	YouthBuild St. Paul, MN (Current) YouthBuild USA, Inc	126	AmeriCorps National
Sauk Centre	Camphill MN (Completed) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	5	AmeriCorps National
Sauk Centre	Camphill Village Minnesota (Completed) Camphill Association of North America, Inc.	-	AmeriCorps National
St. Cloud	Lutheran Social Services of MN (Current) Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service	1	AmeriCorps National
Sturgeon Lake	YMCA Camp Miller (July 15 - September 1, 2016) YMCA Camp Miller	10	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects
Willow River	One Heartland (March 11 - April 22, 2016) One Heartland	11	AmeriCorps NCCC In-State Projects

Notes: If there are programs with identical names in separate entries, they are different grants to the same organization. If no members are shown, either the grant is for planning or technical assistance, or enrollment data was not available at the time of printing.

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# Senior Corps in Minnesota



## SENIOR CORPS TOTALS

## PARTICIPANTS

## PROGRAMS

CURRENT (as of February 10, 2017)

11,695

21

COMPLETED (within last 12 months)

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Primary City	Program Name Sponsor Organization	Number of Participants	Program Type
Anoka	Anoka County RSVP (Current) Anoka County Community Social Services	326	RSVP
Brainerd	Crow Wing County RSVP (Current) Crow Wing Social Services	1,161	RSVP
Cloquet	Aitkin-Carlton County RSVP (Current) Volunteer Services of Carlton County, Inc.	169	RSVP
Crookston	FGP of NW Minnesota (Current) Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	63	Foster Grandparent Program
Crookston	RSVP of the Red River Valley (Current) University of Minnesota, Office of Sponsored Projects	600	RSVP
Crookston	Tri-Valley Opportunity Council FGP Senior Demonstration (Current) Tri-Valley Opportunity Council	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Detroit Lakes	Mahube-Otwa RSVP (Current) MAHUBE-OTWA Community Action Partnership Inc	600	RSVP
Grand Rapids	ElderCircle RSVP (Current) ElderCircle	625	RSVP
Litchfield	Ecumen RSVP (Current) Ecumen	153	RSVP
Minneapolis	Volunteers of America MN Experience Corps Demonstration (Completed) Volunteers of America Minnesota	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Minneapolis	Volunteers of America of MN RSVP (Current) Volunteers of America Minnesota	500	RSVP
Pierz	Horizon Health RSVP (Current) Horizon Health, Inc.	978	RSVP
Saint Cloud	Central MN FGP - SDP (Current) Catholic Charities Diocese St. Cloud	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Saint Cloud	Central MN Foster Grandparent Program (Current) Catholic Charities Diocese St. Cloud	202	Foster Grandparent Program
Saint Cloud	Greater St Cloud RSVP (Current) City of St. Cloud	1,092	RSVP
Saint Paul	LSS FGP Senior Demonstration (Current) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Saint Paul	LSS of Minnesota FGP (Current) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	299	Foster Grandparent Program
Saint Paul	LSS of Minnesota SCP (Current) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	232	Senior Companion Program
Saint Paul	LSS SCP Senior Demonstration (Current) Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota	-	Senior Demonstration Program
Slayton	A.C.E. of Southwest Minnesota (Current) A.C.E. OF SOUTHWEST MINNESOTA	2,215	RSVP
Virginia	Arrowhead RSVP (Current) Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency	1,365	RSVP
Winona	Common Good RSVP (Current) Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Winona	1,115	RSVP

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## Intermediary Grantmakers in Minnesota

Location	Intermediary Name Nonprofit Subgrantees	Description
Minneapolis, MN	<b>Greater Twin Cities United Way</b>	Greater Twin Cities United Way and Generation Next are working to improve educational outcomes for low-income children and youth at risk for academic failure. This includes addressing kindergarten readiness, third grade reading proficiency, ninth eighth grade readiness for upper-level math, four-year graduation rates, and college enrollment rates for up to an additional 1,000 low-income youth each year of SIF.
Minneapolis, MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>AchieveMPLS in Minneapolis, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>ServeMinnesota in Minneapolis, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>Way to Grow in Minneapolis, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>College Possible College Program in Saint Paul, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation in Saint Paul, MN</i></li> </ul> <b>Youthprise</b>	<p>The mission of Youthprise is to champion learning beyond the classroom so that all Minnesota youth thrive. Youthprise was founded by the McKnight Foundation in 2010 to increase the quality, accessibility, sustainability and innovation of opportunities for learning beyond the classroom. They strategically combine funding, capacity building, policy advocacy, research, and modeling youth engagement under one roof. They elevate youth voice in decision-making about programs, policies, research, systems and philanthropy and are driven by a focus on racial equity and addressing the disparities faced by youth of color and other disconnected youth. Youthprise's project, Opportunity Reboot, will target youth ages 14-24 that are either homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system or disconnected from school and education with an intentional focus on social- emotional skill building to strengthen education and career outcomes. Operation Reboot will implement the Career Pathways Approach, which focuses on providing intensive wraparound services to address the discrepancy between high school graduation and employment for 'Opportunity Youth'. Currently operating in the Minneapolis/St. Paul region, this initiative will scale Youthprise's work beyond the Twin Cities to all of Minnesota to achieve full statewide impact, thereby increasing their presence in rural communities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>SOAR Career Solutions in Duluth, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>MIGIZI Communications in Minneapolis, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>Northfield Healthy Community Initiative in Northfield, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>Amherst H. Wilder Foundation in Saint Paul, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>Guadalupe Alternative Programs in Saint Paul, MN</i></li> <li>• <i>Initiative Foundation/Sauk Rapids-Rice School District in Sauk Rapids, MN</i></li> </ul>

## Nonprofit Subgrantees in Minnesota

Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name Intermediary	Description
Minneapolis, MN	Project for Pride in Living Annie E. Casey Foundation	PPL and partners including the Minneapolis Public Schools will expand the Jobs for America's Graduates' career readiness, alternative education model to serve youth involved in foster care and juvenile justice. Support will be delivered on-site by JAG specialists at seven alternative schools in partnership with Minneapolis Public Schools.



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Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name <i>Intermediary</i>	Description
Minneapolis, MN	AchieveMPLS Greater Twin Cities United Way	<p>STEP-UP is the City of Minneapolis jobs program for youth and young adults ages 14-21. Each year STEP-UP recruits, trains and places more than 1,600 Minneapolis youth in great jobs with over 230 top Twin Cities businesses, public agencies and nonprofits. As one of the country's premiere youth employment programs, STEP-UP serves populations that face some of the greatest barriers to employment, particularly youth from low income families, youth of color, youth from immigrant families, and youth with disabilities. STEP-UP Achieve, directed by AchieveMpls, is STEP-UP's most advanced internship option. It offers career-oriented internships for older youth who are seeking professional opportunities in private sector businesses, public agencies and nonprofits. STEP-UP interns explore diverse career interests, gain valuable on-the-job skills, make strong professional connections, and prepare for meaningful careers. Interns receive work readiness training certified by the Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce that prepares them for a professional job experience. STEP-UP also offers advanced level internships and industry-specific trainings that help interns deepen and integrate their career exposure with post-secondary education and career planning. Through the Social Innovation Fund, AchieveMpls is expanding the number of youth who participate in STEP-UP, enhancing their experience with stronger and more targeted training opportunities and researching the impact of training and work experience on student outcomes in high school, in job performance and ultimately in post-secondary success.</p>
Minneapolis, MN	ServeMinnesota Greater Twin Cities United Way	<p>ServeMinnesota's reading innovation center will continue its implementation of the Minnesota Assessment of Vocabulary for Reading Improvement and Comprehension (MAVRIC). MAVRIC targets vocabulary deficiency among pre-k through 1st grade children and builds on the existing Minnesota Reading Corps model of using rigorously trained tutors to deliver data-driven reading interventions to students. It stems from a growing body of research that indicates the achievement gap can be impacted with a focused effort to build vocabulary. Defined as knowledge of words and word meanings, vocabulary lays the foundation for reading and reading comprehension. In partnership with the Minneapolis Public Schools, this innovation was implemented to full scale in pre-k sites and across 19 kindergartens and 19 1st grade schools in its first two years. Over the next two years, MAVRIC will be implemented in more k-1st grade classrooms, continued across current pre-k sites, and replicated in St. Paul Public schools. MAVRIC has produced data for effectively identifying students struggling with vocabulary in pre-k, kindergarten, and 1st grade, as well as data to ensure that research-based interventions are effective for specific students. An expected 80% of students who receive MAVRIC will no longer be identified as at-risk for poor vocabulary by the end of the program, which will positively impact their kindergarten readiness and future scores on the MCA-III.</p>



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Minneapolis, MN	Way to Grow Greater Twin Cities United Way	Way to Grow is a Minneapolis school-readiness organization that works with families prenatal to age 8 to addresses the significant educational disparities among both low-income students and students of color. The program, Great by Eight, is facilitated through home visits, center-based programming and family support services. It includes early childhood and elementary education support, health and wellness education, parent engagement and teen parenting support. Way to Grow is using its Social Innovation Fund (SIF) subgrant to test the impact of its Great by Eight home visiting model with children ages 3 to 8, and its ability to bring the program to scale to serve more families. Way to Grow is relationship-based and uses an evidence-based curricula designed to give low-income families the knowledge and resources necessary to stabilize their homes and engage in their children's early development and educational progress. Family Educators meet with parents and children to develop a culture of learning in the home through year-round, language-to-language home visiting and ensure parents have access to groups, classes and other critical community resources. The success of Great by Eight hinges on the strong collaborations Way to Grow has developed with parents and its community partners. Key partners include: Minneapolis Public Schools, Minnesota Visiting Nurse Agency, Northside Achievement Zone, Urban Ventures, Generation Next, Jewish Family and Children's Services, MN Reading Corps, Early Head Start, Goodwill Easter Seals FATHER Project, Bridge to Benefits, University of Minnesota Extension Services, The Center for Families and Help Me Grow.
Saint Paul, MN	Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Greater Twin Cities United Way	Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood (SPPN), which is fiscally sponsored by the Amherst A. Wilder Foundation, is partnering with the Network for the Development of Children of Africa Descent (NdCAD) to increase the availability and impact of the Sankofa literacy program and Parent Power Literacy and Advocacy Workshop to children and families living in the neighborhood. Sankofa is a culturally-based literacy tutoring program that provides intensive after-school tutoring that includes strong reading, cultural, and parent engagement components. this programming targets children of African descent enrolled in kindergarten through third grade residing in the Saint Paul Promise Neighborhood. Parent Power is a parent training program that helps parents help their children improve their reading. Parents build a strong literacy foundation at home and equips them with the necessary tools to advocate for children at school. The specific goals of Sankofa are to increase reading skills, increase independent guided reading levels, and improve academic performance. An overarching goal of the program is to help students develop and build literacy skills within the context of their cultural heritage, thus giving them a firm foundation for academic achievement and life-long learning. A unique feature of the Sankofa program design is the integration of culturally-responsive and culturally-specific practices to holistically address students' learning needs and engage the learners in their own learning. To this end, the program employs a variety of cultural learning strategies to help students make critical connections between what they know about their cultural selves, their cognitive and skill development, and their academic achievement. Ultimately, the program aims to intrinsically motivate students to master reading and become successful learners in school and throughout their lives.





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Saint Paul, MN	College Possible College Program Greater Twin Cities United Way	College Possible is dedicated to making college admission and success possible for low-income students through an intensive curriculum of coaching and support. They work with students from their junior year in high school through college graduation, providing coaching and guidance to help them prepare for and earn college admission, stay in college, and graduate ready for the workforce. They collaborate with high schools, colleges and other education organizations to maximize their program's impact. They are proud to work with Greater Twin Cities United Way to help low-income students from Minneapolis and Saint Paul earn college admission and ultimately complete their college degrees. Through this partnership, College Possible will add new high school partnerships, expand at current high schools and support more students from Minneapolis and Saint Paul enrolled in college. The program helps to achieve Generation Next's goals of increasing high school graduation and six-year college degree completion rates in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.
Saint Paul, MN	Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation Greater Twin Cities United Way	The Saint Paul Public Schools Foundation has been a Social Innovation Fund (SIF) subgrantee of Greater Twin Cities United Way since 2013. The Foundation is accelerating academic achievement for low-income students and students of color, with two major goal areas: reading proficiency by third grade and math proficiency by eighth grade. This work strategically aligns with Generation Next's goals in order to advance systemic change for students across the Twin Cities. The Foundation is achieving these goals through the Tutoring Partnership, a collaborative effort of 20 community organizations to provide academic-skill building to over 7,000 students in St. Paul and Minneapolis. In order to increase academic achievement, students need high-quality opportunities for academic skill-building both in and out of school. The Tutoring Partnership helps community organizations provide intentional, impactful learning opportunities through its unique innovation of program consultation within a continuous quality improvement framework. Organizations that participate in the Tutoring Partnership receive professional development, tutor training and coaching to improve their program quality and increase student outcomes. SIF funding is allowing the Tutoring Partnership to provide intensive program improvement consultation to four organizations and study the most effective level of support required to increase student achievement. Foundation staff are working holistically with these four organizations to understand what is working, what can be improved and what can be scaled for systemic change. Rigorous evaluation and use of data are central to this effort. The Foundation is building organizational capacity to utilize data to inform program improvement and ensure high-quality academic skill-building opportunities for students in the Twin Cities.
Duluth, MN	Community Action Duluth Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	Community Action Duluth is establishing a Financial Opportunity Center that will provide low-income participants with an array of on-site services in addition to career and financial coaching and income support.
Minneapolis, MN	EMERGE Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2010)	EMERGE is creating a new Financial Opportunity Center located and focused in North Minneapolis that expands the availability of financial counseling, coaching and income support access services to engage underemployed residents.



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Duluth, MN	Community Action Duluth Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Community Action Duluth (CAD) will enhance and expand its existing successful Financial Opportunity Center integrated services to create living wage career pathway opportunities for people with low incomes. CAD will offer bundled services alongside bridge GED and ABE family-friendly twice weekly evening classes with contextualized training in banking, and direct service and office health care careers- all with career ladder opportunities. Financial and employment coaches will be actively engaged with class participants, supports will include: dinner and childcare for evening classes, extensive job and financial coaching, paid tests, fees, uniforms and tuition, and access to financial products.
Minneapolis, MN	EMERGE Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	The EMERGE Advanced Manufacturing Bridge will enhance and expand its existing Supported Bridge and Integrated Service Delivery programming targeting low-income residents of North Minneapolis and surrounding areas for entry into living wage machining and welding careers. A unique co-located collaboration of EMERGE, Hennepin Technical College, and Minneapolis Adult Education, the project anticipates bridging 180 students over a three year period via six to ten month cohorts that results in the attainment of math and reading literacy, industry credentials, postsecondary certifications, and high-demand careers in the local skilled manufacturing sector.
Minneapolis, MN	Project for Pride in Living Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Project for Pride in Living, Inc. (PPL) will scale and improve the quality of existing bridge programs: Train to Work-Healthcare, Healthcare Plus, Human Services Pathway, and Pharmacy Technician Certification. As a best practice, PPL integrates financial services, employment navigation, and wraparound support services into all of our training programs. This bundled approach helps ensure participants are able to address personal and social barriers throughout their academic and career paths. With a strong network of employer and education partners, PPL's integrated services model has a proven track record of connecting low-income jobseekers to contextualized education that prepares them for in-demand jobs with career laddering opportunities.
Saint Paul, MN	CLUES Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Comunidades Latinas Unidas En Servicio (CLUES) will develop and implement Bridge programming that will support unemployed and underemployed job-seekers with limited English language literacy, job skills, and/or academic skills to be successful in two in-demand, high wage career pathways: 1) Customer Service, with a focus on careers in call centers and office/reception, and 2) Finishing Trades, such as painting and drywall finishing. These programs will be incorporated within the full suite of bundled financial coaching, career coaching and income supports services that CLUES currently provides through the Integrated Service Delivery model. Participants will be also be provided the opportunity to participate in CLUES Lending Circles program in order to build assets and strengthen their credit history.



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Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name Intermediary	Description
Saint Paul, MN	International Institute Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Through the Medical Careers Pathway for New Americans, the International Institute of Minnesota has been providing New Americans with job training programs, college readiness classes, employment placement services, and career upgrade navigation that lead to entry-level and advanced jobs as Nursing Assistants, Phlebotomy Technicians, Licensed Practical Nurses, and Registered Nurses. With this grant, the Institute, in collaboration with local colleges, will expand the academic bridge and support classes that will improve their chances for admission into nursing programs. Both those who are trained and find employment as nurses, and those on the lower rungs of the career ladder need additional assistance in improving their net income and net worth. Hiring financial coaches through this grant will allow the Pathway to further integrate the spectrum of academic, employment, and financial services to International Institute's clients.
Saint Paul, MN	Lutheran Social Service Local Initiatives Support Corporation (2015)	Located in the heart of St. Paul's Eastside neighborhood, the Eastside Financial Center (EFC), a division of Lutheran Social Service of Minnesota, has been operating an Integrated Service Delivery (ISD) model for the community since 2008. In 2013, the EFC added bridge program services for health care careers into its existing ISD model, expanding its work and better serving the Eastside community. LSS will enhance its existing healthcare pathway Bridge program and will introduce a new bridge program in the construction sector. Enhancements to the healthcare bridge include: a more seamless integration of ISD programming beginning even before participants enter the basic skills bridge, outreach to a more diverse participant base, and additional postsecondary pathways.
Duluth, MN	SOAR Career Solutions Youthprise	SOAR Career Solutions (SOAR) will coordinate and facilitate career pathways by other community based organizations serving at risk youth who are homeless, in foster care, involved in the juvenile justice system or disconnected from education. SOAR is fiscal lead and partners with Life House, Duluth's "one-stop shop" for services to homeless youth. SOAR provides comprehensive, bundled, re-entry services to men and women ages 18 and older returning to Duluth and the immediate surrounding area. Life House serves 650 homeless and street youth ages 14-23. It offers comprehensive services through four cornerstone programs called the Life House Lifeline: the Youth Drop-In Center, Mental Health & Wellness, Housing, and Futures Education & Employment. In addition, partner organizations employ Positive Youth Development (PYD) elements and implement best practices for successful youth employment including comprehensive services; positive relationships between staff and youth; independent living skills training; academic and employability skills training; youth input/feedback; financial incentives; and follow-up support. SOAR's primary outcome is to increase employment readiness skills that results in sustainable employment. SOAR's approach is evidence-based, and the only re-entry program in Northern Minnesota offering comprehensive services. SOAR has 32 years of expertise implementing effective, evidence-based programming for people with multiple, severe, barriers to employment. Its comprehensive, relationship-based services allow clients to overcome barriers, integrate into the community, obtain education, and gain sustainable employment.



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Program HQ Location	Nonprofit Subgrantee Name Intermediary	Description
Minneapolis, MN	MIGIZI Communications Youthprise	MIGIZI has served youth from the Minneapolis American Indian community for the past 38 years. The Green Jobs Pathway will have 60 disconnected Indian youth per year participate in three cohorts to receive education, training, supports, and experiences needed to prepare them to become financially independent, self-determining adults. The project will utilize the Back On Track model developed by Jobs for the Future and since adopted by several other pathway initiatives. The Back On Track model is demonstrating early indications of success in reclaiming dropouts and youth at risk of dropping out and significantly improving their retention, high school graduation rates, and postsecondary enrollment. The model is also highly adaptable and aligned with the strategies MIGIZI has employed for many years in its work with disconnected American Indian youth. The primary outcome of the Green Jobs Pathway is to increase the percentage of American Indian young people able to complete high school, succeed in postsecondary programs, and secure living wage jobs as they build a career in the Green Economy.
Northfield, MN	Northfield Healthy Community Initiative Youthprise	Northfield Health Community Initiative serving communities in southeastern Minnesota. Its "Tri-City Bridges to the Future" initiative represents a new collaborative between the local schools, Adult Basic Education, Workforce Development Inc., the Minnesota Correctional Facility-Red Wing, postsecondary institutions, employers, grassroots organizations, youth development programs, citywide youth systems, and service providers. The initiative will offer career pathways approaches for 85 youth ages 14-24 during year one in Faribault, Red Wing, and Northfield who meet one or more of the following criteria: in foster care; involved in the juvenile justice system; are homeless; and/or are disconnected from school and work. The primary focus of Tri-City coursework and programming will be high school completion with dual enrollment options through partnership with area higher education institutions and postsecondary training in career clusters that have clear pathways to higher degrees.
Saint Paul, MN	Amherst H. Wilder Foundation Youthprise	Amherst H. Wilder Foundation's Family Supportive Housing Services programs will support culturally competent employment and educational programs and wraparound services for 44 to 65 homeless youth at Prior Crossing, a 44-unit youth-appropriate housing facility in Saint Paul and East Metro Area. It uses the Housing First model: a person's access to housing shouldn't be determined by their income, chemical or mental health, nor their current motivation to improve it. Their primary outcome is to increase access to wraparound services to reduce homelessness by providing age appropriate trauma-informed services, employment and skills training, and social connections in a manner that can lift people out of poverty with longer-term supports. Prior Crossing will also use a positive youth development approach. Through this model, youth will develop the ability to make positive choices in their life.
Saint Paul, MN	Guadalupe Alternative Programs Youthprise	Guadalupe Alternative Programs (GAP) is a community-based education and social service agency serving at-risk youth. It will scale up a YouthBuild model for over 100 participants from Saint Paul's West Side, Dayton's Bluff, Payne-Phalen, and Greater East Side neighborhoods. GAP's YouthBuild program makes a difference in young adults' (ages 18-24) lives by giving them the tools and credentials needed to achieve school, career, and life success. Its program provides comprehensive wraparound services along with secondary and post-secondary education, workforce preparation, and credentialing. In addition, participant have access to academic and social-emotional supports in-house, and from partner with multiple community agencies and education institutions.



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Sauk Rapids, MN	Initiative Foundation/Sauk Rapids-Rice School District Youthprise	The Sauk Rapids-Rice School District is a rural district in Central Minnesota will develop and implement a collaborative model for secondary students who are disconnected from school and education, and thus, at risk of dropping out. The project will implement the Integrated Basic Education and Skills Training Model (I-BEST) within their district with very little or no modifications to serve 166 young people age 14-20, all of whom are economically disadvantaged and/or disconnected from school, 50% of who are from communities of color and 25% who have disabilities. Partnering organization staff will work collaboratively with school staff to provide mentoring, authentic internship experiences, and career guidance support. SRR will facilitate Monthly Advisory Council Meetings, which include representatives from nine organizations, which represent all students/families within the identified racial and ethnic groups. Outcomes will include identification of students, active mentorship and apprenticeship, development and implementation of personalized career plans, goal attainment evaluation, and financial support.



# Other Programs in Minnesota



Primary City	Program/Project Name Sponsor Organization	Program Type
Minneapolis	State Administrative Grant (Current) Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service	State Commission Operations Support
Minneapolis	Volunteer Generation (Current) Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service	Volunteer Generation Fund
Saint Paul	The Arc Greater Twin Cities (Current) The Arc of the United States	Martin Luther King Day